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All Depends Upon Cripps' Proposals

Azad Not To Pre-judge The Issue

Instructions To P. C. C.'s On New Constructive Programme

WARDHAGANJ, March 18.

The Congress Working Committee concluded its deliberations to-day. Instructions regarding the new constructive programme of the Congress will be sent to the Provincial Congress Committees.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, told Pressmen that the next meeting of the Working Committee would be held in Wardha after meeting Sir Stafford Cripps. The Congress President, however, agreed that in case the Cripps' proposals contained nothing which required examination, the Congress Working Committee need not be called, and he would communicate the Congress view-point himself, just as he rejected the August declaration without the slightest hesitation.

Mahatma Gandhi attended to-day's afternoon session.—United Press.

NO PREJUDGING THE ISSUE

"We do not want to pre-judge the issue, but wait and see what decision the war cabinet has taken which Sir Stafford Cripps is bringing," declared Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, after the conclusion of the Congress Working Committee meeting to waiting journalists.

Maulana Azad said that it was difficult for him to interpret Congress reaction to Sir Stafford Cripps' mission, without knowing "the final decision" which the British Government was reported to have taken.

As the Congress President, Maulana Azad would see Sir Stafford Cripps and if the British Government's scheme was of such merits as to warrant scrutiny then, of course, he would call a meeting of the Working Committee which would probably meet in Wardha shortly.

If, however, he was satisfied that the British Government's decision fell short or would serve no useful purpose, then he would reject it, and no meeting of the Working Committee would be summoned.

He added that there was no question of reconsidering the Congress decision in regard to the August Offer which had been "buried deep."

One correspondent drew the Maulana's attention to Mr. Churchill's statement in which the August Offer was further explained and stated "to clothe that decision, with precision" and whether it did not imply that the new decision might be an amplification of the August decision, the Maulana said that he was not prepared to pre-judge the issue without actually knowing the new decision and declined to express any opinion on the subject.

Maulana Azad is leaving for Delhi to-morrow morning en route to Lahore. The members of the Committee are leaving for their stations to-morrow.—A. P.

MORNING DISCUSSION

WARDHA, March 18. The Congress Working Committee commenced its sitting this morning further to consider the position, province by province, regarding the programme of helping people in rural and Urban areas. It is understood that the members from various parts have been narrating their experience and the treatment of evacuees and refugees and what steps the Congress should take to help them.

The future programme will depend upon the terms and text of the letter from Sir Stafford Cripps on his arrival in India. The members are being asked to keep in readiness to meet at short notice either at Delhi or Wardha, depending mainly on how Sir Stafford decides his plan—whether he comes to Wardha to meet Mahatma Gandhi first or invites the Congress President to Delhi.

Provisionally, the next Working Committee meeting has been arranged in the first week of April.—United Press.

Scrutiny Of Churchill's Statement

WARDHAGANJ, March 18. Considerable time has been spent by the Congress Working Committee and Congress leaders

Free India Alone Can Offer Effective Battle

Satyamurti's Plea For National Govt. In Centre And Provinces: Appeal To Jinnah

NEW DELHI, March 18. "Whenever this war may end, however the war may end, this great and ancient country of ours will attain 'Purna Swaraj' and New Delhi will be the Capital of a Free India," observed Mr. A. Satyamurti, M.L.A. (Central), addressing a public meeting in New Delhi.

Mr. Satyamurti added: "We belong to the Indian National Congress which has declared that we will fight aggression whether from the West or from the East." Mr. Satyamurti asserted that "enable India to fight Japan she must be made the mistress of her own destinies. 'A Free India alone could render effective help to the Chinese and Russians in their struggle.' 'There are some people among ourselves, many of whom privately some of them mentally ask this question: 'Why bother about this war? Let Japan and Britain fight.' I feel that if to-day we stand up for our country we are bound to win, and if involuntarily it is worthwhile, but India must feel that her freedom is here and now."

CRIPPS MISSION Referring to Sir Stafford Cripps' forthcoming visit, Mr. Satyamurti said that he did not want to be an optimist, but he urged that India and Britain must settle their differences.

Speaking on the advisability of scorched earth policy the speaker said: "He is a patriotic independent man. He will not sell his country and in this hour of supreme crisis he shall come and take his place and lead our country to the common goal. We Hindus and Muslims, should come under the banner of the Indian National Congress and fight all communalism." He was glad that Sir Sikan- dar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, was taking steps to bring about Hindu-Muslim unity and wished him all success.

Concluding he advocated the formation of a National Government in the Centre and the provinces and assured the Princes that they would be admitted provided they agreed to constitutional monarchy.

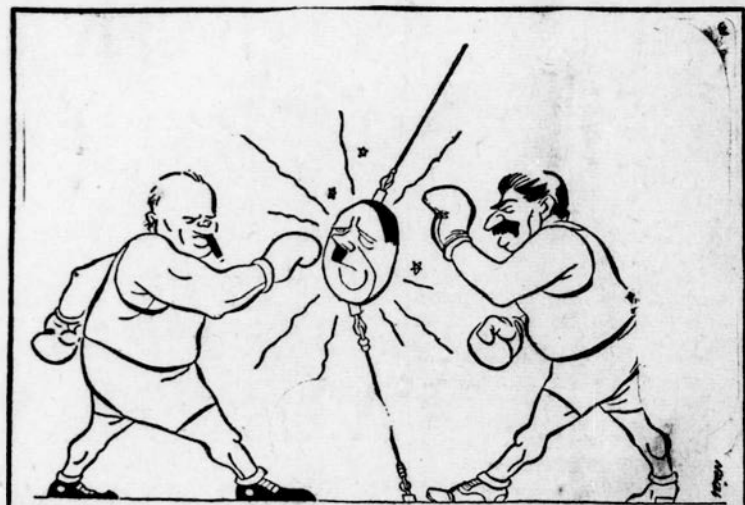
Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali addressing the meeting said that Indians would fight for the independence of their country and appealed to follow the Congress plan for the defence of the country.

After Mr. Satyamurti had left the meeting a resolution was passed appealing to the Governor of Madras and the Viceroy to exercise clemency in the case of Mr. K. P. R. Gopalab Nambiar, a Congress leader of Kerala.—A. P.

Plight Of Evacuees

WARDHA, March 18. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has issued a strongly worded statement dealing with the plight of the evacuees and refugees from Malaya and Burma. He refers to "racial discrimination" in the treatment given to them and calls upon the authorities to remedy the same.—United Press.

What A Double-Front Would Mean To Hitler



Cartoon from the Norsk Tidend.

ATTORNEY JOINS ARMY

SYDNEY, March 18. The Attorney-General of New South Wales, Mr. C. E. Martin, has enlisted and has been granted the rank of Lt. on the understanding that he receives no military pay. Mr. Martin said that the position was of menacing that "I felt compelled to do something more than administer judgment."—Reuter.

LORDS IN WORDY DUEL

Charges Of Appeasement And Soft Pedal In B.B.C. Broadcast

LONDON, March 18. Frayed tempers in the traditionally sedate House of Lords to-day led to stormy verbal duels between peers.

The House was discussing employment of enemy aliens for foreign broadcasts, but as personalities crept in charge and counter-charge flashed across the benches. The former Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office and Chief Diplomatic Adviser, Lord Vansittart, delivered a trenchant maiden speech in which he attacked soft pedal broadcasts to Germany saying one reason why he left public service nine months ago was because "I have never honestly seen how we can get 100 per cent national effort out of the people of this country without telling them the truth." "The truth is," he exclaimed "and has been from the beginning—that this nation is fighting the German nation for its very existence, and if it fails, it will be literally exterminated. We are not afraid to say that we are fighting the Japanese nation. Why are we afraid to say it of the German nation? The right way to get into Germany is not to crawl."

Lord Vansittart asserted that the German section of the B. B. C.'s foreign service seemed to think exceedingly well of the German people, adding there has been practically a ban on criticism of the military caste. Both Lord Vansittart and Viscount Ell- bank complained of the attitude of certain anti-Nazi in Britain, the latter describing the author of the book "Help Us Germans to Beat the Nazis" by Herr Frankel as "impertinent" and "audacious."

Lord Faringdon, describing Lord Vansittart's speech as "impertinent," reminded him that he was in a key position in the Foreign Office.

He accused Lord Ellbank of offering Colonies to the Germans eight years ago.

Replying on behalf of Government the Earl of Selborne, Minister for Economic Warfare, declared that enemy aliens had no part in the direction of propaganda policy in and were employed solely for their hands in the most ruthless and thorough manner we possibly can.

At the same time, he repudiated the attack on Lord Vansittart saying to accuse him of being in favour of appeasement is "betraying ignorance of facts."

Viscount Ellbank's reply to the attack of Lord Faringdon was to describe the latter as "one of the greatest protagonists of conscientious objectors in the House"—a remark which called forth a rebuke by Lord Strabolgi.

Viscount Ellbank had the last word declaring: "I have nothing to withdraw." The storm which had lasted several hours then died down.—Reuter.

MORE MILLIONS FOR WAR DEPT.

WASHINGTON, March 18. President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate additional 17,579 million dollars for the War Department of which 8,516 million dollars will be for the Army Air Corps.—Reuter.

BURMA BATTLE CONTINUES

British Forces In Contact With Japanese On Main Road North Of Pegu

BOMBAY, March 18. To-day's Army Headquarters' communique from Burma said: "On the Irrawaddy front, small enemy forces were reported to have come up the river in boats on March 16, south of Tharrawaddy. Later they withdrew. Large number of our men, mostly Gurkhas, who were in contact with the enemy are now back at Promé. The enemy's main strength is still south of Taikkyuan."

"On the Toungoo front, our troops are in contact with the enemy on the main road north of Pegu."

Skirmishes Between Patrols

MANDALAY, From Associated Press special correspondent with the British forces in Burma: The full in large-scale fighting, following our withdrawal from Rangoon has now lasted a week. Skirmishing occurred between patrols both on the Promé road some 25 miles from Rangoon and also around Nyaungdebin on the Mandalay road, but it seems the Japanese are taking their own time to establish themselves in the Rangoon Delta and reorganise their lines of communication before attempting further push northwards.

To establish Japanese control in countless townships and villages now in occupied territory is bound to take time. The Japanese, it is reported, are dealing summarily with all responsible Burmese known to have pro-British tendencies, placing their own nominees in charge as village headmen.

The full is proving a welcome opportunity for Gen. Alexander fully to reorganise our forces in new dispositions to meet a new Japanese offensive from the north, which may start in the near future.

HAIFA-TRIPOLI RAIL LINK

New Line Which Promises To Play Spectacular Role In Peace And War

CAIRO, March 18.

Further details can now be revealed of the new broad-gauge railway linking Palestine and Syria. The railway runs from Haifa to Tripoli thus linking up the Palestine, Syrian and Turkish railways. The work of this railway was largely in the hands of South African engineers and a large number of South African labourers have been employed, their services being particularly useful in cutting tunnels through solid rock.

The importance of rail connection between the Middle-East and the Turkish railways needs no stressing. The run will be one of the most spectacular in the world. The track partly winds along the Mediterranean and then swings further inland through the snow clad Lebanon mountains.

All manner of obstacles had to be overcome. In some places the railway is hewn out of the side of cliffs. At another point a bay is bridged. There are four tunnels, one being nearly a mile. Four hundred culverts have been built in addition to a large number of bridges. The railway between Egypt and Palestine was built as a military line last year.

When peace returns the new line will be a valuable international link enabling through rail travel between Calais and Cairo and even with a short steamer stretch up the Nile to Khartoum. The railway is part of the general scheme for improving communications in the Middle East including Iran and Iraq. It will enable the handling of large numbers of men and quantities of war materials at great speed and economy in fuel compared with road transport.—Reuter.

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Huge Japanese Naval Losses

AUSTRALIA TO REPEAT BATTLE OF BRITAIN

New Tactics To Beat Off The Invader

WASHINGTON, March 18.

Eight Japanese warships are believed to have been sunk or damaged in combined operations by American and Australian land based forces in the Far East, states a Navy Department communique.

They include two heavy Japanese cruisers believed sunk and a light cruiser damaged and probably sunk. A fourth Japanese cruiser was also damaged and a destroyer probably sunk. Three American submarines are listed as lost. Two Japanese destroyers were possibly sunk and one large Japanese destroyer damaged.

Five Japanese transports or cargo ships were sunk or gutted. Two transports hit by heavy bombs, a Japanese aircraft tender heavily damaged, two gunboats damaged, a minesweeper probably sunk, three seaplanes shot down and many small Japanese boats demolished. The combined Allied forces lost only one plane.

The Navy Department communique says the sinkings occurred in recent operations against Japanese ships off New Guinea.

Japanese Design On Port Moresby

SYDNEY:—The possibility of a two-pronged attempt by the Japanese to invade Port Moresby, the Capital of New Guinea, from the sea and overland has not been overlooked, says the Port Moresby correspondent of the "Sydney Sun". Not even a possible parachute attack is being dismissed from the plan of defence for the maintenance of Port Moresby as an important Allied offensive and defensive base, he continued.

The most important question is how many ships the Japanese can concentrate for their invasion assault. Their recent losses are serious, but it would be very foolish to suggest that Japan is unable to muster sufficient for a full-scale attack.

Keopang Raided

CANBERRA:—The Prime Minister in a communique stated: "Allied aircraft raided Keopang on Tuesday. Air-raid alarms were sounded in Darwin and Port Moresby, but no attacks developed. Very poor visibility hampered operations over Keopang, but hits were scored upon Keopang aerodrome from 5,000 feet. Lighter anti-aircraft fire was encountered and ten enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception. Darwin had two air-raid alerts on Tuesday, the first was sounded at 11.15 followed by the all-clear at 11.30. The second alarm lasted twenty minutes, but no planes appeared."

During Port Moresby alarm aircraft circled the town, but no bombs were dropped. Enemy air reconnaissance was carried out over Ambasi Dogura and Samarai.

Australia Can Be Held

MELBOURNE:—Australia can be held against largest-scale Japanese attack, declared Lieutenant-General Brett, Deputy Supreme Commander of the South-West Pacific, to-day. "All possible jumping off points are being watched, while the supply of aircraft is the maximum possible," he said. "I have not lost faith in Australians and they are not going to lose Australia. They may have to take a little drubbing. So did England—but England is still there. When we start rolling. Nothing within reason has been refused by Washington. We are giving Australia machines as rapidly as we can get them."

MISTAKE IN JAVA General Brett said that the whole idea in Australia is unified control and complete pooling. "A bad feature of the Java opera-

tions was that many aircraft were destroyed on the ground. It would have been better if they had been aloft even if they were destroyed. "The dispersal of aircraft in Australia would be on the English system which proved highly satisfactory against low and high attacks."

JAPANESE MENACE

Paying a tribute to the rear-guard action fought by American airmen all the way from Philippines to Australia, General Brett said they had flown night and day to a point of exhaustion. Though he did not underestimate the Japanese, he was confident that the equipment of the American fliers was better. He said that there were indications that the Japanese did not like night flying. Americans were concentrating on high level quick climbing aircraft to beat the nightfighter. General Brett said he will work directly under General MacArthur. "I want my boss beside me, not miles away." He added that ample crews were available in Australia for all American planes.—Reuter.

MacARTHUR ASSUMES SUPREME COMMAND

MELBOURNE, March 18. The story of General MacArthur's dramatic dash from the Philippines to an unnamed destination in Australia was told at the American Headquarters to-day.

Two American army planes brought General and Mrs. MacArthur, their young son Arthur, Major-General Richard Sutherland, Chief of Staff of the Philippines forces, Brigadier General H. George of the Air Corps and a number of other Senior Officers.

MacArthur In Australia

CANBERRA: The Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, announced General MacArthur's appointment as Supreme Commander in the ANZAC area. The Australian Government, he said, had made a direct request to President Roosevelt that this should be done and informed Mr. Churchill of the Government's desire. General MacArthur arrived yesterday.

Major-General Brett will command the Allied forces in the ANZAC area.

Man Of Grit

SYDNEY: Commenting on Gen. MacArthur's arrival in Australia, Gen. Gordon Bennett stated: "Gen. MacArthur's arrival to be associated with us in the Pacific is the healthiest and most welcome sign. His stand in the Philippines has stamped him as a man possessing fighting spirit so needed at the moment. There is nothing but the highest admiration of his heroic stand against the Japanese. He is a man of grit."

Roosevelt's Message

Yesterday, Lieutenant-General Brett telephoned the Prime Minister the following message from President Roosevelt: "The United States President directs me to present his compliments to you and inform you that Gen. MacArthur to-day arrived in Australia from the Philippines. In accordance with the President's directions Gen. MacArthur has now assumed command of all United States army forces here."

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All shops in Bombay City, Poona City Municipal Borough, Poona Suburban Municipal Borough, Poona Cantonment, Ahmedabad Municipal Borough and Ahmedabad Cantonment have been allowed by the Bombay Government to keep open till 10 p. m. on March 20 and 21 on account of Jamshedi Navroz.

Similarly, restrictions regarding hours of work, etc., in restaurants

The employees of shops and restaurants will be entitled to overtime wages for the extra hours that they may be called upon to work and also to holiday in exchange for the loss of the prescribed weekly holiday.

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BEAVERBROOK'S MISSION TO U. S. A.

Danger Of Transfer Of Valuable Securities To Japanese By British Subjects Under Duress

LONDON, March 18. The danger that British subjects in Malaya may be forced under Japanese duress to transfer valuable securities was the subject of a question in the House of Commons on Wednesday. The Under-Secretary for Colonies Mr. Harold MacMillan promised an examination of this subject. He stated "The Government is aware of the fact that the Japanese have been receiving a large number of securities held in Malayan Banks, but no details have been received as to what action was taken."

BEAVERBROOK'S MISSION
The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, announced in the Commons that Lord Beaverbrook would proceed to the United States to meet Mr. Arthur MacArthur. Lord Beaverbrook will carry on the work he had already begun regarding the pooling of resources between the United Nations together with such other duties as may be entrusted to him by the War Cabinet. Those duties will later devolve on a minister of the rank of Under-Secretary leaving Lord Beaverbrook for other duties in connection with the war effort of the United Nations. Replying to a question Mr. Attlee said, "It was uncertain last week that Lord Beaverbrook would proceed. It is now certain." Lord Beaverbrook's status, he added, would be that of a representative of the War Cabinet and particularly of the Ministry of Supply for this work of co-ordination, and not as a Member of the Government or Minister of the Crown. There was no question of diplomatic duties for Lord Beaverbrook. Such duties remained with Lord Halifax. The duties eventually to be undertaken by an Under-Secretary would be the subject of a statement shortly by the Minister.

NEHRU PLEADS FOR GOPALAN

WARDHAGUNJ, March 18. Pandit Nehru in a statement says: "I should like to add my voice to the many who have already been raised in regard to the commutation of the death sentence passed on K. P. R. Gopalan Nambiar. The first court sentenced him to seven years imprisonment and it was on appeal by the Government that this was enhanced to the death sentence. Quite apart from merits or legal aspects of the case, it seems to me that it would be tragedy and the gravest error if this death sentence is not commuted."—A. P.

Maharashtra's Sympathy For Gopalan

POONA, March 18. Mrs. G. A. Deshpande, Secretary of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, has instructed the Congress Committees in Maharashtra to hold meetings and urge commutation of the death sentence passed on K. P. R. Gopalan Nambiar, by the Madras High Court.—United Press.

17,000 SIGNATORIES URGE COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

MADRAS, March 18. A Tellicherry message says a petition signed by over 17,000 persons has been despatched praying H. E. the Governor to commute the death sentence passed by the High Court on K. P. R. Gopalan Nambiar, in the case arising out of the Malabar protest. The day incidents at Morcha, Malay labour and young men's associations from Kottayam and Chirakkal taluks it is reported have sent memorials to the Governor in this connection.—A. P.

Gopalan Must Be Saved

The Bombay National Guards and the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha Working Committee at their meetings passed resolutions appealing to the Governor of Madras to exercise his Excellency's powers of clemency in the case of K. P. R. Gopalan who is sentenced to death by the Madras High Court.

Sardar Natha Singh Arrested

LAHORE, March 18. Sardar Natha Singh, Personal Assistant to Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshier, President of the All-India Forward Bloc, was arrested under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules. The office of Sardar Natha Singh was also searched by the local C. I. D. who took possession of certain files. Later his residence was searched, from where certain books and papers were taken by the police.—United Press.

Conditional Release Of 10 Detenues

MADRAS, March 18. The Madras Government have ordered the conditional release of ten more detainees, including five from Malabar detained in connection with the "Protest Day" incidents, and Mr. N. Sanjeevi Reddi, Joint Secretary of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, and Mr. Talabha Rao, a Kisan leader of Madanapalle. The number of detainees so far released is 44 out of about 200 in this Province.—United Press.

ster for Production, Captain Oliver Lyttelton. Many questions were asked in the Commons when the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee announced that Government had received the report of Mr. Justice Bucknell's Commission regarding the escape of the three German warships from Brest.

He said that he was unable to make any statement because he would have to say that there would have to be very full and that would aid Germany. He added, "These reasons also make it impossible to publish the report which would reveal so much technical detail about our arrangements and be of great convenience to the enemy—who give us no corresponding information about his affairs. Every effort will be made to profit by the facts and conclusions the report contains but, apart from a few points which need some attention to secure improvement, the general findings of the inquiry do not reveal any serious deficiency either in foresight, co-operation or organization." Several members pressed for further information, but Mr. Attlee declined to add to his statement. He promised, however, to consider giving additional facts in a private session.—Reuter

Beaverbrook Will Stay For 3 Months

LONDON, March 18. Lord Beaverbrook will be in the United States for two or three months, according to present intentions. He will be succeeded after this three-month period by the Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport, Sir Alfred Salter who has been working in Washington on shipping and kindred matters for some time past.—Reuter.

"AGRA" ADDS TO INDIAN NAVAL STRENGTH

CALCUTTA, March 18. Lady Srivastava, wife of Sir J. P. Srivastava, performed the sponsoring ceremony of the H. M. S. "Agra" at the dock on an Indian river this evening. The function was attended by a large and distinguished gathering. "The 'Agra' is a sister ship of the 'Travancore', the 'Baroda' and other vessels which have been launched in the same city in recent months and is equipped for the dual purpose of mine-sweeping and submarine-chasing. She is fully manned and equipped and is almost ready to proceed on her official trial. On arrival, Lady Srivastava was received by Captain Begg, Director of Shipbuilding.—A. P.

Sardar Sardul Singh's Successor

NAGPUR, March 18. It has been announced that Mr. R. S. Ruiker, Vice-President of the All-India Forward Bloc, will act as President of the Bloc in place of Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshier. Mr. Ruiker will also preside over the 3rd annual session of the Forward Bloc at Delhi on April 4 next.—United Press.

Nazis To Use New Chemical Weapons In Spring Offensive

(From Our Correspondent). LONDON, March 18. According to a reliable and well-informed correspondent working on the German frontier, the German offensive against Russia is timed to start about the third week of April. It is regarded as surprisingly early, even in Germany. It will consist of attack against the southern Russian front on an unprecedented scale, supported by what the Germans whisper a "new chemical weapon."

Evacuees From Burma

MADRAS, March 18. 250 evacuees from Burma belonging to Malabar, Tinnevely and Ramnad districts arrived here last evening by the Puri Passenger. Some were sent to their respective destinations last night and others are being sent today. The Mayor's Evacuee Relief Committee is looking to the comforts of the evacuees.—United Press.

Madras Ban On Workers' Meetings

MADRAS, March 18. The order promulgated by the Commissioner of Police prohibiting the holding of meetings, demonstrations and processions by the workers of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, their supporters and sympathisers in the City of Madras without special permission of the Commissioner has been extended upto the end of this month.—A. P.

U. S. TROOPS REACH AUSTRALIA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17. The War Department announced the arrival of a considerable number of air and ground troops in Australia. The announcement was made by Mr. Stimson but no information is available regarding the strength, designation, or location of the units.—Reuter.

Training For Women Workers

Abrama Camp Opening On Friday

(From A Correspondent). ABRAMA CAMP, March 18. With the arrival of Mrs. Kamadevi, Miss Mrudula Sarabhai and other leading organisers of the Women Workers' Training Camp of the All-India Women's Conference, Abrama is showing signs of new activity. The Camp will be inaugurated on Friday when Mrs. Hansa Mehta will deliver her opening address. Training will be given to some fifty students drawn from different provinces. An exhaustive curriculum, both theoretical and practical, has been drawn up and includes politics, economics, history, the social sciences, eugenics and mental hygiene, psychology, planned life and a New Social order. It is understood that well-known scholars who have made special studies on the various subjects have agreed to lecture to the inmates of the Camp. It is recognised that the new venture of the All-India Women's Conference promises to be a unique experiment and has naturally attracted wide attention in the country. Though it has all the resemblance of a summer study circle, the Women's Camp is not exactly a summer camp. Already students in batches have begun to arrive. A redeeming feature of the Camp is the response from Muslims. It is stated that as many as ten applications from Muslim girls have been received and accepted.

MacARTHUR ASSUMES SUPREME COMMAND

(Continued from Page 1.) ment with the proposal regarding the organisation of the Command in the Australian area. The President regrets that he has been unable to inform you of Gen. MacArthur's pending arrival but feels certain that you will appreciate that his safety during the voyage from the Philippines required the utmost secrecy.

BRETT TO BE SUPREME DEPUTY

Mr. Curtin informed Lt. Gen. Brett that he was in complete and enthusiastic agreement with the proposal for a Supreme Deputy to the Supreme Commander. Lt. Colonel Lloyd Lehrs on behalf of the United States Army Headquarters said that General MacArthur's arrival in Australia did not mean that the United States forces were leaving the Philippines or that the struggle was lessening in any degree. "General MacArthur put up a hell of a fight," Lt. Col. Lehrs said. "Everyone thinks he has done a grand job. The United States army proposes to continue the fight." Although Gen. MacArthur is not yet at headquarters it is understood that his Command is already effective.

No 'Fifth Column' In New Guinea

SYDNEY:—The Japanese forces occupying points on the northern coast of New Guinea find themselves without a "fifth columnist" which played such a great part in their successes elsewhere, states a dispatch from the Sydney "Morning Sun's" Port Moresby correspondent. When danger threatens New Guinea the natives flee inland, taking with them all their foodstuffs loaded upon their backs, their women folk, their pigs and fowls. Thus though the parts occupied by the Japanese are less than 100 miles from Port Moresby by air, Japanese infiltrating troops must face alone those problems, which were solved for them by others in Malaya.

The Japanese in New Guinea will not find guiding arrows cut in the grass and washing hung on the line directing them to Allied positions. Moreover, the regions where the Japanese are operating are only partly explored and inhabited by warlike natives more skilled than the Japanese in the art of ambush.—Reuter.

Did New Zealand Ask For MacArthur?

NEW YORK, March 18. New Zealand would probably come under a separate command, possibly a sea command, rather than a land command, said Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand's Minister to the United States, commenting in New York on General MacArthur's appointment. New Zealand had two Ministers in Australia discussing the means by which the most effective war-time co-operation could be brought about but he was unable to say whether this country had supported Australia's request for General MacArthur to be given the supreme command.

Mr. Nash declined to comment on the possibility of an immediate offensive against Japan, observing "The essence of warfare is not to let the enemy know even the shadow of your intentions."—Reuter.

"MAJOR DISASTER FOR BR. EMPIRE"

"Times" On Hitler-Tojo Plans

LONDON, March 18. "The Times" says that Japan might be said to have entered the war with three successive objectives—separation of British and American power in the Pacific and conquest of the British naval base of Singapore, capture of war materials of the south-west Pacific which for the most part are in British and Dutch territories and finally a lucrative share in a total Axis victory and a dictated peace. "The Times" contends that the attack on Australia might either be the main objective or a strategic diversion. The Japanese advance to that part of the Indian Ocean known as the Arabian Sea would rather be timed to coincide with the Suez Canal. Axis forces under General Rommel and a corresponding German drive not only against Egypt and the Suez Canal but against Syria, Iraq and Persia. "A junction between Germany and Japan would be a major disaster to the British Empire and its Allies and not the least for Russia," says the "Times". "Neither Africa nor the Americas could count themselves secure. Such ambitions grandiose as it may, quite possibly figure in the plans of Hitler and Tojo"—Reuter.

Our Nagpur Letter

CONGRESS VICTORY IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

(From Our Correspondent). NAGPUR, March 18. Thakur Chhedilal, M. A., President, Sahakar Provincial Congress Committee, has been elected as Chairman, Reception Committee of the 4th Session of the All-India Kahastira Sabha which is to meet at Nagpur in the Easter holidays. The C. P. and Berar Local Congress Conference was convened by the Nagpur Tax Payers' Association in Easter holidays is now postponed indefinitely. The Congress scored a brilliant victory at the polls at Khapa Municipal elections, held last week. Of the 12 seats, Congress captured 10. Mr. Janrao Patil (Congress) was elected president by a huge majority.

JAWAHARLAL ON CONGRESS SCHEME OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

BENARES, March 18. A rectangular red and green badge, to be worn by volunteers engaged in the Congress scheme of A. S. P. and other essential social work in the event of an emergency, has been prepared and will be available at all the Khadi Bhandars in the Province, from March 28. Pandit Nehru in a statement, in this connection, says: "Our programme of self-sufficiency and self-protection has already made good progress in some parts of the Province. It must be pushed with all vigour for that is the programme of the day and every day. The success we achieved in it."—A. P.

C. P. Governor On Cripps' Proposals

JUBBULPORE, March 18. Sir Henry Twynham, Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar, is making a public meeting held at Jabbulpore yesterday. Referring to Sir Stafford Cripps' forthcoming visit he said: "We are on the eve of epoch making developments in India's national life, and we may be sure that the proposals which Sir Stafford is about to set before the Indian parties leaders will mark a complete change from the past."

His Highness Maharaja Pratap Singh of Nabha has just returned from overseas after a visit to his troops in the field.

Jap Attacks In Bataan Repulsed

Harbour Defences Heavily Shelled

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17. The War Department communique of Tuesday night says, "IN THE PHILIPPINE THEATRE: After several days inactivity the enemy launched a sudden raid on our lines at Bataan. This attack was easily repulsed by General Wainwright's troops."

Our harbour defences were heavily shelled for several hours by enemy batteries from the Cavite shore. The bombardment caused only slight damage. A Japanese destroyer shelled Port Cebu for a brief period but no damage resulted. Nothing to report from other areas."

The Navy announces that Rear-Admiral Adolphus Andrews has been assigned "exclusive duty" as Commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier. He is being replaced as Commandant of the Third Naval District of New York by Rear-Admiral Edward John Macquart. ROOSEVELT ON MACARTHUR

The following is the text of the statement by President Roosevelt on General MacArthur's appointment:—"I and every man and woman in the United States admire General MacArthur's determination to fight to the finish with his men in the Philippines. But I also know that every man and woman is in agreement that all important decisions must be made with a view to the successful termination of the war."

"Knowing this I am sure that every American, if he were faced individually with the question as to where General MacArthur could best serve his country could come to only one answer."

President Roosevelt told a press conference on Tuesday MacArthur's Supreme Command in the southwest Pacific included all east of Singapore.

President Roosevelt added he expected Axis propaganda to be spread immediately over the shortwave radio claiming that General MacArthur's transfer means the abandonment of the Philippines and is similar to Dr. Van Mook's having to leave Java.

President Roosevelt declared, however, that every man and woman in the United States agreed with him that General MacArthur would be more useful in Supreme Command in the southwest Pacific than if he remained in the Philippines.

Of course, the fight was still going on there. President Roosevelt told a press conference that he would send to the Congress tomorrow a request for 15,000 million dollar appropriation for planes for the War Department. He said that this money together with previous appropriations would provide for 4,000 planes out of 15,000 called for in the production programme.—Reuter.

50 P. C. PLANE PRODUCTION INCREASE SINCE PEARL HARBOUR ATTACK

Nazis Afraid Of U. S. War Industry Drive, May Attempt To Sow Disunity

WASHINGTON, March 18. Revealing that the United States plane production since the Pearl Harbour attack has risen by over 50 per cent, Mr. Donald Nelson, War Production Chief, pledged himself in a broadcast to the American people on Tuesday night "to knock down indifference and interference wherever I find it" in order to keep the United States war production going full blast. Despite his revelation regarding plane production, however, Mr. Nelson told the nation that there is no cause for complacency because "we are now here near our goal."

He added "America is producing to-day weapons of war in large volume. They are the best in the world and we are making lots of them. We need more and more of these weapons and we need them now." Asserting that the Nazis are afraid of the United States' production drive and take it very seriously Mr. Nelson said they would do everything they could to try and spread doubt, confusion, discontent and mistrust in the United States. "But I say Hitler cannot and will not spoil this American production team. Unless Hitler can divide the United States and lead it into the same pitfalls he prepared for France, Norway and other countries, he is licked," said Mr. Nelson.

AXIS PLOT UNEARTHED

WASHINGTON, March 18. Japanese, German and Italian army and navy uniforms, maps and photographs of military areas were among the articles seized by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the course of searches of premises belonging to over 8,000 enemy nationals, announced the United States Attorney-General, Mr. Francis Biddle on Tuesday. He also stated that about 24,000 enemy aliens had been arrested for being in possession of articles forbidden by presidential proclamation including 1,500 guns, 1,311 cameras, 150,000 rounds of ammunition as well as swords, daggers, machetes (knives), dirks, sabres and dynamite.

U. S. THIRD WAR LOTTERY:

7,000 Capsules Drawn From Last War Goldfish Bowl. WASHINGTON, Mar. 18. In the presence of officials of high rank, including the Secretary for War, Mr. Stimson, the Navy Secretary Colonel Knox the third selective lottery of the war is to be held here Tuesday night. Seven thousand capsules containing the order of drafting and numbers of millions of men who registered for draft throughout the nation on February 18 will be drawn from the famous goldfish bowl used in the first world war draft lottery and in two previous lotteries during this war. Mr. Stimson is scheduled to draw the first capsule from the bowl after a short speech on the purpose and significance of the lottery by the Director of Selective Service, Brigadier General Louis B. Hersey. The drawing is expected to last throughout the night.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON:—A joint bill to limit profits on war contracts to a maximum of six per cent was introduced in the House of Representatives by the Chairman of the Naval Committee, Mr. Vinson, and Mr. Howard Smith. The bill would also suspend all federal statutes prescribing maximum hours of work.

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps For America

WASHINGTON, March 18. Responding to the demands of thousands of American women for active service on behalf of their country, the House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a bill creating Women's Army Auxiliary Corps modelled on the lines of the British A. T. Corps.

The strength of the corps is to be 150,000. Women between the ages of 21 and 45 will be enrolled.

"INCREASE FOOD CROP PRODUCTION"

Various measures to increase food crop production throughout the Province were discussed at a Conference of senior officers of the Bombay Agricultural Department held in Bombay last week. The Conference was presided over by Mr. W. J. Jenkins, Director of Agriculture. The present position with regard to food crop production and consumption in the Province was examined in detail. The Conference then discussed various methods which might be adopted to stimulate and expand the acreage and output of the main food crops grown in the districts, e. g., rice, wheat, bajra, wheat gram, tur, etc. Special emphasis was laid upon the need for action which would be immediately effective in achieving the objects required as compared with long term policies of development and expansion.

The arrangements for a vigorous propaganda campaign, which had already commenced, to reduce the area under cotton, especially short and fair stapled cotton, and to replace such cottons by cotton and pulse crops, were reviewed. Plans were drawn up for intensifying such propaganda in many tracts of the Province, particularly in areas where existing food crop production was inadequate to meet local requirements.

The district officers present at the Conference anticipated a reduction of about 400,000 acres under cotton in the Province in the next season. This reduction might be considerably greater in the event of a late monsoon.

The Punjab Assembly held a brief sitting on Wednesday and passed the Badshahi Mosque Fund Cess Bill and the Punjab Relief of Indebtedness (Amendment) Bill.

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Pant Removes Misconception

Free India Will Fight Against Invader And Keep Its Independence

NAINITAL, March 18. "World events were moving very fast and the British Government had after all found it necessary to depute Sir Stafford Cripps to India," observed Pandit Govind Vallabhbhai Pant addressing the Nainital District Political Conference.

Pandit Pant charged the British Government with dualism. While there was blazing fire all around, it had been simply sitting and playing with the Indian problem. Even at this almost zero hour the tentative proposals of the British Cabinet had not been revealed. In a few weeks, he warned, the situation might become irretrievable. The sands of time were running much too fast, and every moment had to be counted.

The speaker believed that had the British Government accepted the proposals of the Congress, at the outbreak of the war, probably Japan would not have jumped in this war and Malaya and Singapore would not have been lost. Mr. Churchill had more than once said that they were not fully prepared and equipped for a total war in the east. It seemed to him that ultimately realised that without making India completely free, they would not raise any enthusiasm for war and a change had to become imperative and inevitable.

Proceeding Pandit Pant said they were prepared to shoulder the responsibilities of their country's defence and to undergo all sacrifices for the preservation of their independence.

Some people thought that it was now too late to organise national defence against powerful military powers. He did not share that view. A national freedom would, he emphasised, have a marvellous effect. They would not shirk their responsibility at any stage had he been confident of success in their righteous cause. Besides, their sense of duty and honour would not admit any other course. The defence of Free India at any cost was their natural responsibility. Once their freedom was secured they would defend it to the last man.

Whatever comes out of this war one thing was sure, he declared, that India would attain freedom. "Continuing Pandit Pant said that India had to play a great part in the establishment of the new world order—a world order in which humanity and brotherhood would reign supreme. Glorifying the new world order, he said, he believed that the world would accept the fundamentals of the Indian civilization, whose embodiment was Mahatma Gandhi, and the cherished ideals of which were to root out poverty and exploitation from the world and promote love and brotherly feelings. It would be a much better world if millions of them were to sacrifice themselves for those high ideals.

He spoke at length of the need of organising all localities on the basis of self-help and self-sufficiency and pointed out definite ways and means for achieving this purpose.—A. P.

Only Free India Can Pursue "Scorched Earth" Policy

Speaking at Rajpalayam last week, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari said that the black-outs and trenches for shelter and similar protective measures were of no consequence if the heart of the people was not in the battle. Measures that had meaning in England and other free countries had no useful place in India. The "scorched earth" policy would be useful only in a free country where the people, if and when their freedom was threatened with extinction, would be actuated to regard their own property as that of the enemy. "Neither the black-out nor the destruction of property is going to save the situation in a slave country. These only serve to make the Government more unpopular and drive the people to greater hostility. For free people, death would be a farthing and when they went to the battle-field they would feel like taking chloroform before a major operation." (Applause).

All-Asian Anti-Jap Youth Rally

NEW DELHI, March 18. The All-India Students' Federation has announced its decision to call an All-Asian Anti-Japanese Youth Rally in the middle of May to demonstrate the united will of Asiatic youth to resist Japanese Fascism and aggression. The Federation will send a delegation of Chinese students to the rally. The Federation expects that delegates from Soviet Russia, Burma, Malaya, Ceylon, and other Asian countries will also take part.—A. P.

Khan Bahadur N. D. Shroff, a retired Deputy Superintendent of Police has been appointed by the Government of Bombay as Assistant A. R. P. Controller (General and Organisation), Ahmedabad.

NAVAL ACTION IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, March 17. An Admiralty communiqué on Tuesday night gave the first details of an action during Saturday night when three E-boats were sunk and two others damaged by British naval forces in the North Sea.

The action was separate from that in the English Channel on Saturday morning when two E-boats were destroyed.

The night action began when E-boats attacked a convoy. No ship of the convoy was damaged but the destroyer "Fortigern" was hit by two torpedoes and sank.

One E-boat was sunk by the destroyer "Holderness" and another damaged by the destroyer "Wallace".

The British warship "Guillemot" heard explosion of torpedoes and gunfire and at once approached. She stalked an E-boat and got within 50 yards without being seen.

The "Guillemot" opened fire with every gun that would bear. The E-boat was hit several times and it is considered was sunk.

About dawn three British motor gun-boats intercepted an E-boat nine miles off Ymuiden, a German base on the Dutch coast. The E-boat was at once stalked and when last seen was sinking.

Later four E-boats approached from the east. One motor-gun-boat, fought a running fight with three of them until her ammunition was exhausted. She then withdrew.

During this engagement one E-boat was severely damaged. Spitfires later found these four E-boats. They set one on fire and badly damaged the other three.

Later other aircraft which went out to attack found no E-boats but much wreckage and many bodies in the sea.—Reuter.

SIKANDAR TO LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED

LAHORE, March 18. "I AM DOING MY BEST TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE AND I THINK THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF SETTLEMENT," SAID SIR SIKANDAR HYAT KHAN, PREMIER OF THE PUNJAB, IN AN INTERVIEW TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SIR SIKANDAR HYAT KHAN, IS SHORTLY PROCEEDING TO DELHI WHERE HE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS. HE MAY BE IN DELHI ABOUT THE TIME WHEN SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS ARRIVES THERE.—A. P.

Punjab Assembly Gesture To Premier

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan indicated that he was already in touch with the spokesmen of the Congress and the League, and added that he was constantly praying for the success of the efforts for a settlement of their differences.

It is understood that these efforts are being directed towards finding an agreed formula which can be placed before Sir Stafford Cripps.

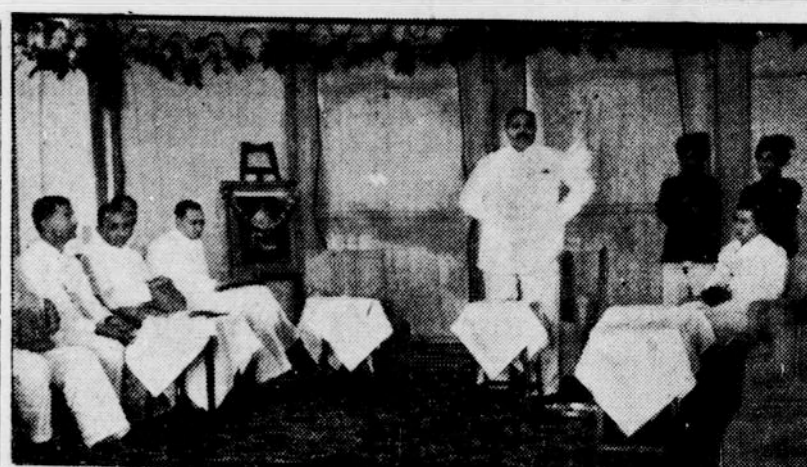
To enable Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan to proceed to Delhi the Punjab Assembly accepted his motion to finish discussion on the Budget Demands to-morrow, dispose of the supplementary demands on Friday and adjourn thereafter till March 28.—A. P.

Non-Parties' Conference And Cripps' Proposals

NEW DELHI, March 18. One of the first arrivals in Delhi in connection with the impending political discussions which will follow Sir Stafford Cripps' visit is Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad, Secretary, Non-Parties Conference.

Sir Jagdish is expected to take bearings of the situation and prepare the way for the joint meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference and signatories to the recent appeal to Mr. Churchill. This meeting is likely to take place immediately the details of the scheme formulated by the War Cabinet are disclosed, as they are expected to be disclosed, to representative Indians.—A. P.

LAHORE:—The Hon. Secretary, All-India Co-operative Institutes, Association informs the Press that the Fifth All-India Co-operative Conference will be held at Nagpur on 4th and 5th April under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. V. Ramdas Pantulu.



H.H. the Maharaja Jamsaheb speaking in commendation of the enterprise of the Jamnagar Minerals Development Syndicate on the occasion of the foundation laying ceremony of its factory.

POLICE OPEN FIRE ON NELLORE CROWD

NELLORE, March 18. The Police opened fire yesterday on a crowd when it is alleged stones were pelted on a police party which was accompanying a procession on the occasion of the Telugu New Year's Day, resulting in the death of one boy and gunshot wounds to five other persons.

The procession, which started from Mulapat with police 'bandobust', reached the bazaar police station, when stones and soda-water and acid bottles were thrown on processionalists. Some persons sustained injuries and were admitted to hospital.

After the firing, the procession passed peacefully.—United Press.

Canada's Measures Against 'Fifth Column'

VANCOUVER, March 17. Canada has made a start with the vast project for the removal of the interior of some 23,000 men women and children of Japanese origin as part of the Pacific coast defence plans. Coastal steamers cruised through the mountain-ringed channel of the British Columbia coast, collecting the first groups. These are being taken to temporary lodgings prior to their evacuation to points east of the Cascade mountains where they will live for the rest of the war. The property and other rights of the evacuees—many of whom were born in the Settlements from which they are now being removed—will be rigidly safeguarded.—Reuter.

Momins And Muslim League

Mr. Sayeed, the Ex-General Secretary of the All-India Muslim Conference has issued the following statement to the press:—

"Since the President of the All-India Muslim Conference has appointed the Secretary of State for India of the situation in India 'vis-a-vis' the Momins there has been a great flutter in League circles and attempts are being made to manoeuvre individual Momins in the name of Islam and Muslim solidarity to minimise the importance of the Muslim Conference and to condemn its President as a tool of the Congress. That there are Momins among Muslim Leaguers is stated even by the Secretary of the State and it is easy to get Momins fifth columnists to vilify the Conference. But this certainly will not help anyone in any way. Momins are hundred per cent Muslims and, despite their political convictions and commitments, shall live and die Muslims under all circumstances and at all costs. But the way the responsible Muslim Leaguers are tackling the problem will ultimately frustrate their own objective. It will certainly not lead to Pakistan anyway. Their present methods will certainly widen Momini-Muslim breach for which the League alone may some day be sorry. If the Momins among the Leaguers feel shy to appraise the League of the true situation for reasons of their own it is certainly the misfortune of the Muslim community and the League authorities need be cautious of such 'Nadan Dosts'."

Setting Momins against Momins with the help of Momini agents and playing the old game of the bureaucracy will decidedly ruin the prospects of Momini Mass Congress Movement which possibly the League is attempting at. Recent civil elections in the province are small indications of coming events and earlier the League High Command takes hints the better."

High Court ALLEGED OFFENCE AGAINST RLYS. ACT

Government's Appeal Admitted

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen)

Appellant: Sardar Mohanlal Arambhambhai. Opponent: Advocate of the Peshawar Court. Reservation was effected by the railway authorities in the order in which applications for reservation had been received and the Opponent was allotted an upper berth.

On the day in question the Opponent went to the Station and occupied a lower berth in the same compartment which was reserved against this. The lower berth in that compartment was reserved for two other passengers. When they arrived, the Opponent refused to vacate the lower berth occupied by him.

The B. & C. I. Rly. administration prosecuted him for the offence of refusal to leave a compartment reserved for the use of other passengers and of wilfully and without lawful excuse interfering with the comfort of any passenger under Sections 109 and 120 (c) respectively of the Indian Railway Act of 1930.

A Bench of Honorary Presidency Magistrates tried the case. The Opponent appealed against this order of conviction. The first Magistrate accepted this defence and acquitted the Opponent. The Government of Bombay appealed against this order of acquittal on the ground that the Magistrates erred in accepting the Opponent's plea as against definite evidence proving that no such promise was given to him.

Their Lordships admitted the Government's appeal.

The Government Pleader, Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar, appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Sanjana's Warning To Young Gujarati Writers

In his fourth lecture, on modern Gujarati poetry, Mr. Sanjana dealt at length with the theories of poetry at present holding the field in Gujarati—especially the one, now particularly in fashion, which lays stress on the matter, the meaning, the ideas alone, and ignores the form, the form, manner and style. He contended, by citing the practice of the greatest poets in India and non-Indian, that the main business of the poet is to sing, to create beauty, to enrapture, not to teach or preach or bring some "message" for the salvation of mankind. He showed, by citing the instances of Kalidasa and Shakespeare, how indifferent great artists have always been to contemporary historical events, to current politics, to current social or moral philosophies, and how the true poet, as a true artist rises above the limitations of race and nationality, or the particularising, narrowing transience of any way, Momins and socio-religious customs. Finally he dealt with the technique of modern Gujarati poetry, especially in the matter of prosody and metrics.

IN HIS fifth and last lecture, Mr. Sanjana continued the rise and development of modern Gujarati prose as a direct result of Western influences. He first defined the legitimate limits of prose in order to distinguish it from poetry and from such bastard forms of composition as poetical prose, prose poems, "vers libre" etc. He dwelt on the characteristics of some of the foremost modern writers of Gujarati prose, frankly pointing out their defects, and particularly warned young writers against the curse of maudlin emotionalism that has marred the prose of some of the best modern Gujarati writers like Govardhanram and others; and he particularly dwelt on "the hollow and mercenary emotionalism" of Mr. Munshi's much admired prose, especially as in that writer's own "Gujarati And Its Literature." Mr. Trilok Chandra had gone to the length of saying that "to the minds of some of Mr. Munshi, has no equal among the modern writers of Gujarati prose." Mr. Sanjana analysed Mr. Munshi's most admired rhapsody entitled "Shishu and Sakhi", and said how "the grotesque nature and rhetoric of the little book made this so-called masterpiece an almost unreadable tissue of hopelessly hollow and insincere writing." He also showed, as a contrast, how the simple, straight forward style of Mr. Munshi's own wife, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, made her a far better writer of Gujarati prose than her far more admired husband. After dwelling on the technique of prose writing, Mr. Sanjana earnestly exhorted all writers, especially of prose, never to stray from the path of utter sincerity and integrity qualities which can make of the simplest prose good and even great literature, and whose absence must make all literature and all fine writing futile as the mere tinkling of cymbals.

Latest Commercial

JULY New York, March 18
Previous closing 18.71
To-day's opening 18.74
Difference +0.03
To-day's closing 18.74

NEW YORK COTTON.
Following are the New York opening ranges:—
March (18.50/48) 18.54/43
May (18.55/50) 18.74/74
July (18.60/60) 18.82/80

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London, March 18

Castor-seeds March/April (220 5/8 sellers)
2 1/2 5/8 sellers
Lined Bombay/Catcutta March/April (220 nominal) 220 nominal
Lined La Plata March/April unquoted
Groundnut Comorandi Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quoted) 219 7/8
West Coast India shipment: To-day's rate unchanged

LONDON METALS
Lead (25 1/2) 25 1/2
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.
T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON New York, March 18
Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4
T.T. LONDON ON NEW YORK New York, March 18
Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.
London, March 18
London Gold (238-0) 238-0
LONDON SILVER
Spot (23 1/2) 23 1/2 nil
Forward (23 1/2) 23 1/2 nil

CROSS RATES.
London on Bombay (10 1/2) 10 1/2
1/32 buyers: 10 1/2 sellers: 10 1/2 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
DISCOUNTS
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, March 18
New York Stock Exchange opening price
General Motors (dol 34 1/2) dol 35
United States Steel Common (dol 51) dol 51 1/2
United States Steel Preferred (unquoted) unquoted

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3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed today at 210 1/2
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London, March 18
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1 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 210 3/16
1 per cent Conversion Loan 209 7/8
1 per cent Funding Loan 210 1/2
1 per cent War Loan 210 3/4
3 per cent War Loan 210 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds 213 1/4

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 164
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 35 1/2
Electric and Wireless Ordinary 157 1/2
Prinching Johnson 20 7/2
Imperial Chemicals 32 1/2
Woolworth New Ordinary 48 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate 279
Dunlop 25 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 26-0
Ford Motors 24 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary 248 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary 23 1/2

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Imperial Tobacco Ordinary 26 9/16
P and O 26 1/2
Distillers 75 1/2
British India 73 1/2
British Chinese 6 1/2
J and P Coates 34 1/2
Cartas Ordinary 31 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15 1/2
Inter Nickel 40 1/2
Indian Iron 31 1/2

TEA SHARES
Assam 10 1/2
Donoro Tea 17 1/2
Empire of India 10 1/2

JUTE
Barnagore 25 nominal
RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 70
Gula Kelampayan 61 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 9-0

MINING SHARES
Nandynagar 16 1/2
Burma Corporation 31 1/2
Rio Tinto 61
East Rand Properties 21 13/16
Rand Mines 26 1/4

MINE SHARES
Crown 28 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 44 1/2
Trinidad Leadfield 68 1/2
Sub-Niger 25 7/8
Sociedad Minera 30 3/32
Union Corporation 24 1/2

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Pemian 35 1/2
Anglo-India 32 1/2
Burma Oil 21 1/2
Mexican Eagle 12 1/2
Shell Transport 23 29/32
Royal Dutch 212 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES
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London Midland Ordinary 218
London North Eastern 218 1/2
London Southern 218 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent 2130 1/2
London Transport 235



Mr. Sorabjee Cowasji Petit, grandson of Sir Dinshaw Maneckji Petit, 1st Baronet, and one of the trustees of the Agriary founded by and named after the Baronet at Udawa. Mr. Petit was presented with a shawl and an address at the 50th anniversary of the Agriary on the 21st of last month.

Mines in Bay Of Biscay

LONDON:—The Admiralty give notice that the area in the Bay of Biscay declared dangerous to shipping by their notice of November 1, 1940, has now been extended.—Reuter.

No permission from the authorities will be required to hold public meetings in the province of Bengal on the occasion of "Pakistan Day" to be observed on March 23, according to a statement issued to the press by Mr. R. S. Subhadracharya, Secretary of the Provincial Muslim League.

The Half-Column "Dim"

I received yesterday a cheque of rupees seventy-five (Rs. 75-) from Bombay House from a gentleman anonymous. It is a contribution from himself and his friends, who regretted that no effort had been made to collect small contributions from the public. The donors desire that, if possible, the amount should be used for the Chinese Red Cross. I have had this cheque forwarded to the Consul for China with the letter sent to me. He will, I trust, do the needful.

I hear that the sum of Rs. 238.12 has been received for the "Sixth of November A.C." from the Percy Athos Folies, which was made up from the Hoopla stall. This is not to be confused with the five per cent promised from the box office. Thank you, Athos Folies. It is given in a good cause.

One wonders why the broadcast of the governor of Bombay has been postponed. Could it be that he sees the greater scope offered by another method—e.g., a press conference, which General Wavell so successfully used? The Governor of Bombay is a progressive minded man. I should not be at all surprised if he fell in with suggestions of young men, discarding the advice of the bureaucracy which surrounds him and which is so out-of-date in its methods and so old-fashioned.

Gestap Agent P.O.B. sends me an "Overheard at the Taj." Here it is: Mr. A: So you are in the Army. Emergency Commissioned Officer. Yes. Mr. A: "Have you got a commission?" E.C.O.: "Certainly not. I get a fixed monthly salary."

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By BUD FISHER

Syt. B. G. Kher At Versova

(From Our Correspondent)

ANDHERI, March 18.

A large audience of villagers was present at a public meeting organized under the auspices of the National Congress Committee, on Sunday evening when Syt. B. G. Kher delivered a stirring address on the subject of "War and Civic Defence".

Speaking on the occasion, he explained the repercussions of a total war on the whole of the world, and that in days and wherein even women and children are not spared of the calamities of war. Therefore, the duty of every individual is to join the National Congress for self-defence against air raids or internal troubles. He also urged the members to join the "Volunteer Corps" started by the Taluk Congress Committee and give them

respectively of casts of bread.
Sgt. Pranlal Khandia then narrated
his experiences in Japan and suggested
a scheme of organization of a town of
village now in vogue in Japan. He
also explained the benefits of mutual
help and trust in these days.
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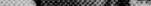
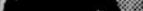
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